

**Senate File 467 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to criteria for and funding of approved local  
2 preschool programs and including applicability provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256C.3, subsection 3, paragraph f, Code  
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. A minimum of ~~ten~~ thirty hours per week of instruction  
4 delivered on the skills and knowledge included in the student  
5 learning standards developed for the preschool program.

6 Sec. 2. Section 256C.5, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code  
7 2023, is amended to read as follows:

8 c. "*Preschool budget enrollment*" means the figure that is  
9 equal to ~~fifty percent~~ of the actual enrollment of eligible  
10 students in the preschool programming provided by a school  
11 district approved to participate in the preschool program on  
12 October 1 of the base year, or the first Monday in October if  
13 October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

14 Sec. 3. Section 256C.5, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
15 2023, is amended to read as follows:

16 a. For the initial school year for which a school district  
17 approved to participate in the preschool program receives that  
18 approval and implements the preschool program, the funding for  
19 the preschool foundation aid payable to that school district  
20 shall be paid from the appropriation made for that school year  
21 in [section 256C.6](#), Code 2011, or in another appropriation  
22 made for purposes of [this chapter](#). For that school year, the  
23 preschool foundation aid payable to the school district is  
24 the product of the regular program state cost per pupil for  
25 the school year multiplied by ~~sixty percent~~ of the school  
26 district's eligible student enrollment on the date in the  
27 school year determined by rule.

28 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget  
29 years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 The statewide preschool program for four-year-old children  
34 under Code chapter 256C imposes requirements for approved local  
35 preschool programs including a minimum of 10 hours per week

1 of instruction delivered on the skills and knowledge included  
2 in the student learning standards developed for the preschool  
3 program. This bill increases the minimum number of hours of  
4 instruction from 10 to 30 per week.

5 The amount of state funding for each school district's  
6 approved local program is determined using a preschool budget  
7 enrollment that is equal to 50 percent of the actual enrollment  
8 of eligible students in the preschool programming provided by  
9 a school district on October 1 of the base year. The bill  
10 changes the preschool budget enrollment used to determine  
11 funding to an amount equal to 100 percent of the actual  
12 enrollment of eligible students in the preschool programming  
13 provided by a school district on October 1 of the base  
14 year. The bill also modifies the funding calculation for the  
15 initial school year for which a school district is approved to  
16 participate in the program.

17 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after  
18 July 1, 2024.